



Crop Progress and Condition

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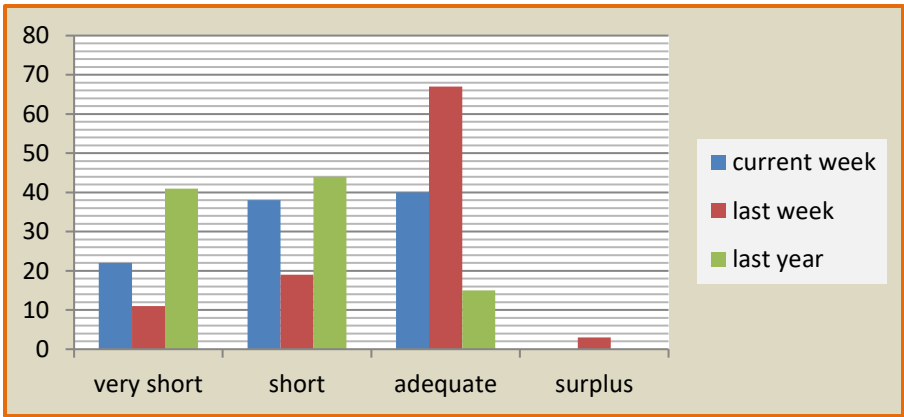
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.8. Weather conditions were dry with limited precipitation. Some producers are feeding hay. Farming activities this week included making hay and harvesting fruit.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/27/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	22	38	40	-
Subsoil	20	32	48	-

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 09/27/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 09/27/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Corn	7	23	38	31	1
Hay	5	15	28	36	16
Soybeans	1	9	28	56	6
Pasture	2	14	35	42	7
Cattle & Calves	-	2	26	68	4
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	24	72	2

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 09/27/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	72	59	77	59
Peaches harvested	87	84	99	98
Corn dented	80	66	66	74
Corn mature	39	20	36	38
Corn harvested for grain	3	-	6	8
Hay third cutting	39	25	39	43
Soybeans setting pods	94	78	90	88
Soybeans dropping leaves	27	14	21	28

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending September 27, 2020

Fall-like weather continues to dominate West Virginia. The State started much cooler than usual and slowly warmed as warmer weather pushed into the region from the Southeastern US. Although we received some warmer air later in the week, most locations ended at or below normal for this time of the year. Wheeling (+1) was the only station to exceed climate average for the week. West Virginia continues its drying trend, as most stations across the State received zero precipitation for the week. For the most part, high pressure kept precipitation out of the area. Only the Southeastern coalfields and Southern mountains received any type of recordable rainfall, mostly from warm moist air from the Southeast. Bluefield was the only station to exceed precipitation normal. The Northernmost sections of West Virginia remain abnormally dry.

Temperatures: Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 85 degrees. Moorefield had the lowest recorded temperature of 31 degrees. The state average temperature was 60 degrees.

Precipitation: Bluefield had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.82 of an inch. Most locations had zero recorded precipitation. The state average precipitation was 0.09 of an inch.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 09/27/20									
Temperature					Precipitation				
Station	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	79	37	62	1	0.00	0.44	16.25	18.44	21.81
PARKERSBURG	80	39	62	-1	0.00	0.71	25.21	21.51	22.46
CRESTON	79	38	61		0.00		28.55	25.56	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	78	40	62	0	0.00	0.77	16.98	22.62	23.44
CLARKSBURG	78	37	60	-1	0.00	0.76	25.90	21.54	25.13
BELINGTON	78	36	60		0.00		28.19	18.55	
WESTON	78	38	62		0.00		33.04	23.35	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	79	45	63		0.08		29.34	22.10	
HUNTINGTON	80	44	64	0	0.00	0.61	24.03	23.23	23.13
CHARLESTON	78	40	62	-2	0.00	0.74	30.23	23.05	24.07
RIPLEY	78	39	62		0.00		26.50	23.10	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	74	34	58		0.00		25.08	29.26	
ELKINS	78	34	59	0	0.00	0.83	33.59	26.79	25.93
MARLINTON	73	36	57		0.05		33.24	23.13	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	71	34	55	-5	0.09	0.66	30.57	20.95	23.37
PINEVILLE	74	40	61		0.40		31.37	18.53	
BLUEFIELD	70	36	57	-6	0.82	0.74	33.11	17.40	22.16
WHITE SUL SP	73	34	56		0.11		29.13	19.07	
BLUESTONE DAM	73	39	59		0.36		31.61	18.39	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	82	34	61	-1	0.04	0.82	16.97	19.91	21.42
KEYSER	85	34	63		0.00		20.51	21.08	
MOOREFIELD	83	33	62		0.00		19.12	24.06	
State Average Temperature	60								
State Average Precipitation	0.09								

Source:
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.

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